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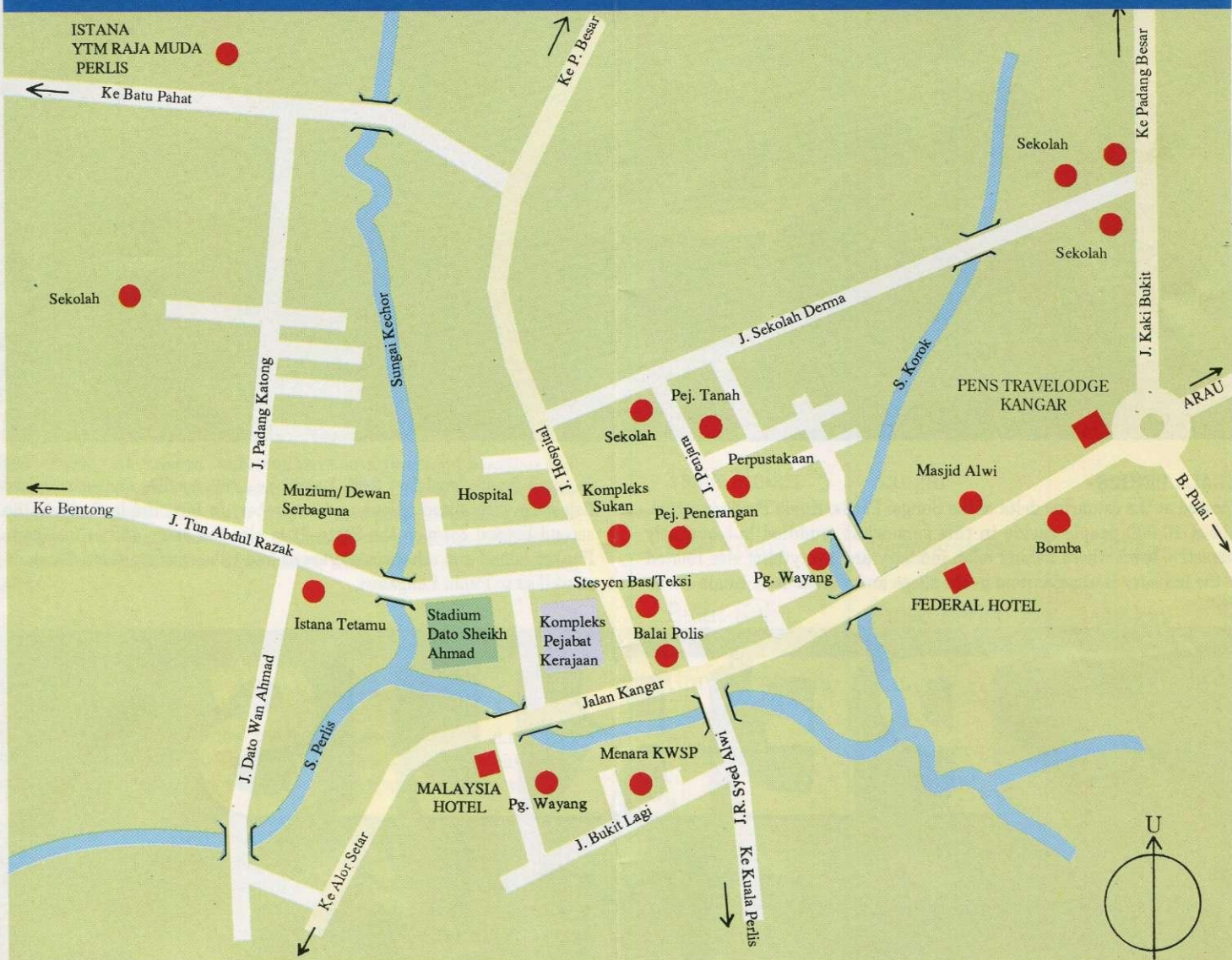
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PERLIS
— GUIDE —**



KANGAR



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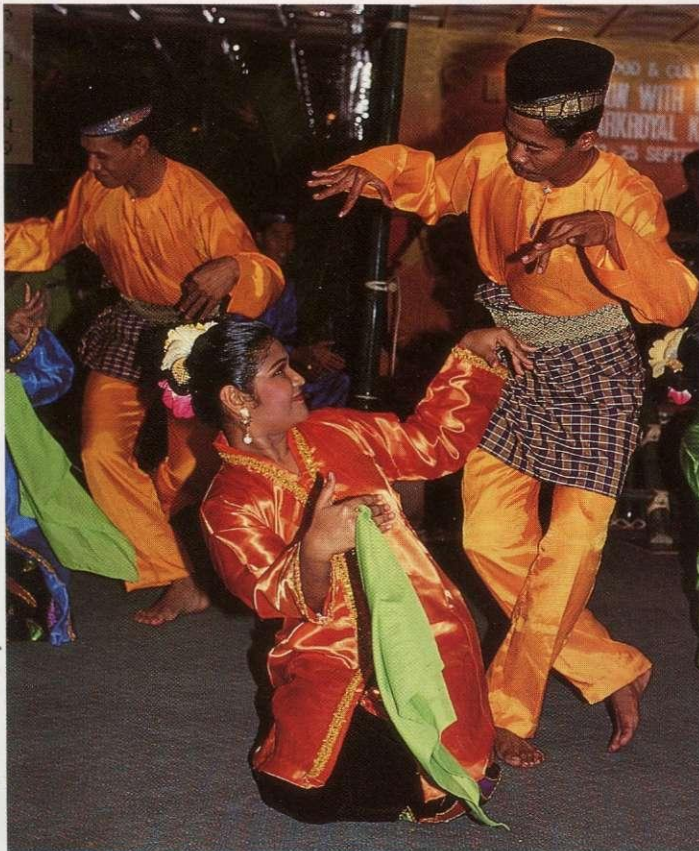
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For leisure, the people of Perlis enjoy a variety of activities ranging from traditional dances to traditional games and pastimes handed down through generations. **Tarian Canggung** and **Tarian Ayam Didik** are examples of dances and equally irresistible feet-stomping may still be seen today.

Tarian Canggung, a traditional dance, was brought from early historical times, and performed by the people as a form of celebration after harvest time. In fact, it is the people's dance where singing and exchanges of words in stanzas (called "berbalas pantun") are freely and jestingly called for to the accompaniment of music.



Tarian Terinai, is yet another dance and musical presentation, performed specifically during a royal ceremony. The musical accompaniment is usually provided by the beating of Gendang Terinai (drums), normally performed by five musicians.

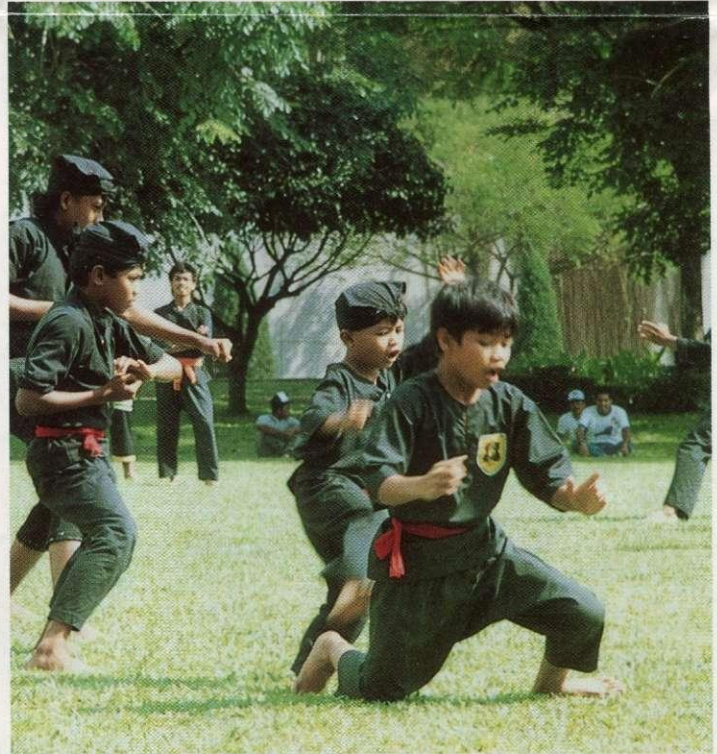
Awang Batil is akin to a 'story-teller' who tells of the glory and richness of life of the people of olden times. In a sense, Awang Batil is not much different from the minstrels of old England.

Awang Batil is an expert with words, albeit colloquial, and as he proceeds with his story he beats a small drum and plays a tune on his flute as and when the story-line demands.

Such a presentation was normal during a big feast and during one form of festivity or another in times gone by.

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Transportation

Air

There is no direct air service to Perlis. Visitors have to fly into Alor Setar and from there take a taxi to Kangar. The drive takes about 45 minutes.

Note : At the Alor Setar Airport, the normal taxi fare is approximately RM35 per vehicle.

Mode	Route	Day of Operation	*Fare
By Rail Ekspres Langkawi	Kuala Lumpur to Arau	8.30pm. Daily	1st Class RM92.00 per person
	Arau to Kuala Lumpur	7.15pm. Daily	2nd Class – RM41.00 per person
By Bus Ekspres Nasional Ekspres PPMP Ebban Ekspres	Kuala Lumpur to Kangar	Daily	RM23.50 per person
	Kuala Lumpur to Kangar	Daily	RM22.00 per person
	Alor Setar to Kangar	Daily	RM2.00 per person
	Butterworth to Kangar	Daily	RM6.00 per person

*Half fare for children under 12 years old.

Local Bus

Four bus transport companies operate within the State, viz:

*Syarikat PPMP (From Kangar -Express)		*Syarikat Perlis Transport (From Kangar -Local)	
Route	Fare	Route	Fare
Butterworth	RM 6.50	55 - Kodiang	RM 1.00
Alor Setar	RM 2.50	56 - Kuala Perlis	RM 0.85
Kuala Lumpur	RM21.00	57 - Simpang Empat	RM 0.85
Ipoh	RM13.00	58 - Bukit Keteri	RM 1.00
Johor Bahru	RM34.00	Mata Air	
Kuantan	RM29.00	59 - Padang Besar	RM 2.00
		- Kaki Bukit	
		- Balai Bukit Keteri	
*Syarikat Sri Kedah (From Alor Setar-Express)			
Kangar	RM 2.40	60 - I.T.M.	RM 0.90
Butterworth	RM 4.25	- Padang Sidin	
Kodiang	RM 2.30	- Alu Pauh	
Kubang Rotan via Seberang Kota	RM 1.10	121 - Alor Setar	RM 2.50
Sungai Baru	RM 0.80	- Kodiang	
		- Jitra	
*Syarikat Kubang Pasu Transport (From Alor Setar-Express)			
Kangar	RM 2.50	Jitra	RM 1.25
Changloon	RM 2.15	Kodiang	RM 2.40

Taxi (From Kangar)

Alor Setar	RM20.00	Kuala Lumpur	RM180.00
Penang	RM100.00	Kuala Perlis	RM7.00



Banks & Money Changers

Kangar is well served by a host of reputable banks, all of which are conveniently located within the town limit. They provide a wide spectrum of modern banking conveniences and advanced facilities. They can help you carry out your banking needs such as cashing your travellers' cheques, converting foreign currencies to local currency, or telegraphic transfer, quickly and easily. You can also enjoy a range of complementary services like safe deposit boxes. The staff will be glad to render any assistance to you.

For your convenience, most money changers are located within the premises of hotels. The exchange rates are reasonable.

Pasar Tani

Farmers' Market

Farmers sell their farm produce directly to consumers on a plot predetermined by the authorities. Non-farmers take advantage of the influx of buyers by selling their wares which are non-agricultural. Prices are reasonable. Freshwater fish and prawns, vegetables and fruits galore, are all fresh as they come. The Market is held only on Saturdays from 8.00 am till 6.00 pm.

Shopping

PASAR MALAM - Night Market

Pasar Malam is an open-air affair where business is already brisk at 5.00 pm, and are very popular because of the fiesta-like atmosphere. A pasar malam is held on an open ground or even a full stretch of a road or thoroughfare according to what has been approved by the local authorities. The Police keep a friendly surveillance, especially when a road has been blocked off and passage impeded.

A feature of a pasar malam is that it is held in a different place each night and the schedule is repeated week by week. In a sense, therefore, the Market is held once a week at a predetermined place at night.

Days	Place
Sundays	Utan Aji
Mondays	Padang Melangit
Tuesdays	Kuala Perlis
Wednesday	Kangar
Thursdays	Pauh
Fridays	Arau
Saturdays	Jejawi



Accommodation

Your choice of accommodation can range from budget to deluxe hotels. The rates are reasonable and the rooms well appointed with standard facilities for your comfort and convenience. Room service is efficient and hotel staff generally friendly and helpful.



FERRY

Ferry boats provide scheduled crossings between Kuala Perlis and Langkawi. The fare varies from RM8 to RM13 per adult. The journey takes an hour to reach Kuah Jetty.

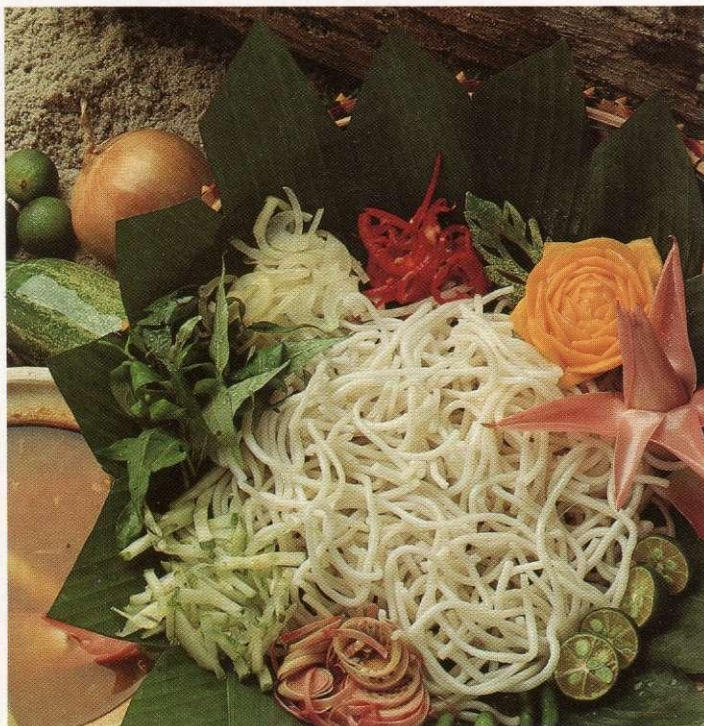
For the Kuala Perlis-Langkawi service, the first ferry of the day leaves for Kuah Jetty in Langkawi at 9.00 am, and the last ferry leaves at 2.15 pm. The last ferry back to Kuala Perlis leaves at 4.00 pm.

There are four ferry service operators, namely Kuala Perlis Langkawi Ferry Service Sdn Bhd, LADA Holdings Sdn Bhd, Samavest Sdn Bhd and Water Tour Development Sdn Bhd.

Food

A wide variety of food, from local delights to continental fare, is available in Perlis. The prices are reasonable and the service courteous. For the food lover, do sample as many exotic traditional Malay, Chinese, Indian and Thai dishes (like the perennial favourite, tom yam) as possible. A delectable time awaits you!

The choices of eating places that you can patronise is also excellent, ranging from open-air hawker centres, air-conditioned restaurants to luxurious hotel restaurants. Wherever you choose to eat, rest assured the environment is clean, casual and comfortable.



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PENS Travelodge Kangar 165 rooms

135, Main Road

01000 Kangar

Tel: 04-9767755

Fax: 04-9761049

PENS Hotel Kuala Perlis 26 rooms

Jalan Kuala Perlis

02000 Kuala Perlis

Perlis

Tel : 04-9854122

Fax: 04-9854131

Federal Hotel 61 rooms

104A & B, Jalan Kangar

01000 Kangar

Tel: 04-9766288

Fax: 04-9766224

Malaysia Hotel 25 rooms

67, Jalan Jubli Perak

01000 Kangar

Tel : 04-9761366

Ban Cheong Hotel 21 rooms

79A, Jalan Besar

01000 Kangar

Tel: 04-9761184

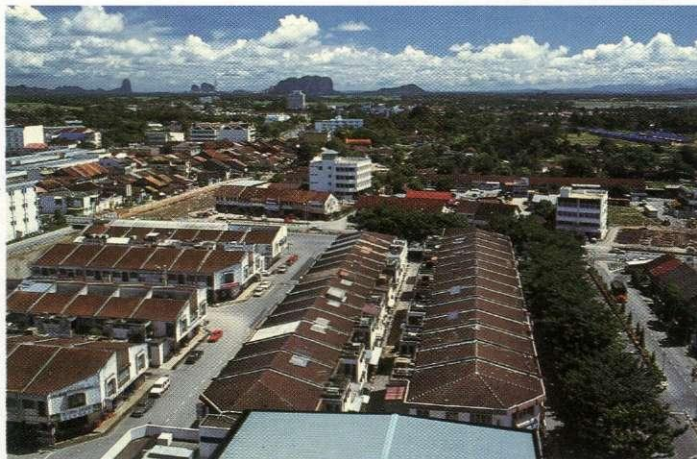
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PLACES OF INTEREST



There are many interesting places and things to see in Perlis. Of special note in ARAU, the royal town, are the Royal Palace, fronting the main road and the nearby Royal Mosque which can easily accommodate up to 7,000 people in one prayer session. Arau itself, which has clusters of fruit trees and coconut palms interspersed among quaint residences is worth a visit.



KANGAR

The state capital is bordered by an expanse of verdant green/golden padi fields, depending on the season of growth and that of near-harvest. Kangar is the seat of the State Government. Modern looking buildings house State as well as Federal Departments. The golden-domed State Mosque occupies an ideal part of the town. The Stadium, General Hospital, Pens Travelodge and schools are all within walking distances from one to another.



Perlis is noted for its large population of venomous snakes, the limestone caves and crevices offering the best of natural habitats for the slithery creatures. The Snake Farm at Sungai Batu Pahat houses a large collection of live snakes in large open- air enclosures. Primarily meant as a research facility to develop and test serum research findings related to snakes bites, it also offers scientific data and research findings related to snakes. It is open daily from 10am to 4.15pm to the public.



TASIK MELATI

Tasik Melati is a small but picturesque lake located in a partially marshy lowland about 8 kilometres north of Kangar. The lake is shallow. More than 150 sandbar-islands may be seen all over the lake. Sampans can be rowed to these tiny 'islands'. Elevated walkways are also found over the waters of the lake, providing vantage viewpoints and seatings for visitors. There is also a parameter walkway as well as telephone kiosks and toilet facilities. The lake has recently been stocked with fish.



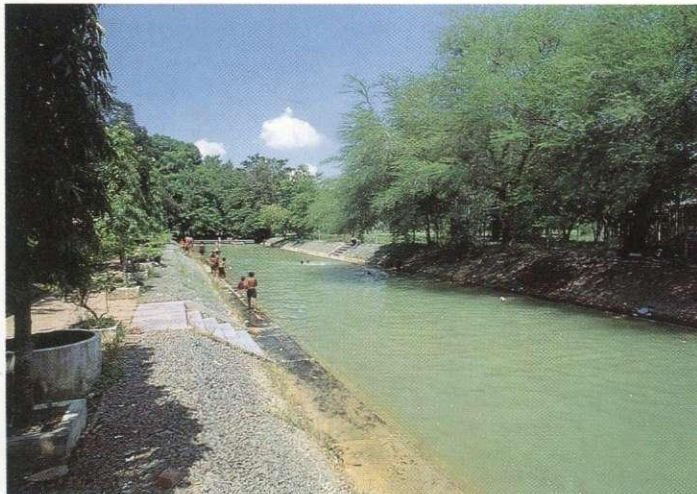
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Sungai Batu Pahat, 10 km east of Kangar offers a variety of attractions. This popular picnic spot encompasses a playground, an animal farm and a bird park. Gazebos provide shelter for picnickers and campers alike.

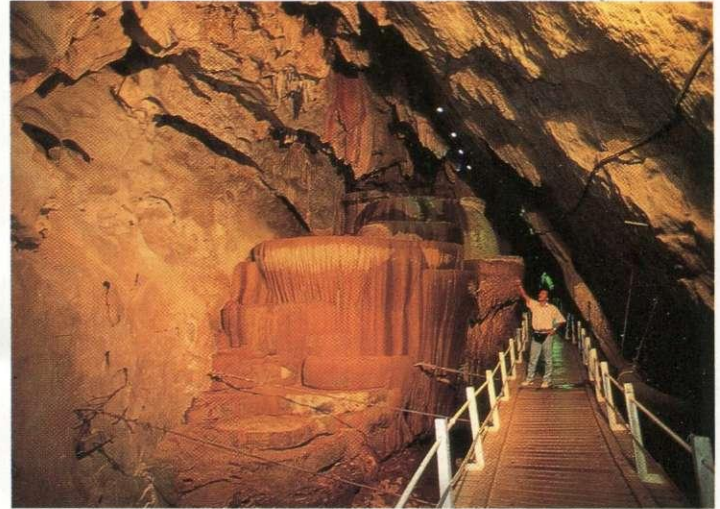


The **Putra Golf Club**, an 18-hole golf course, offers the golf enthusiast the challenge of a reputedly difficult par-72 course with its numerous obstructions and traps.



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Access to the cave is by way of a suspension bridge. The uniqueness of approach, as well as the experience of walking along the bridge, make a visit to this place an intriguing and adventurous experience.

A subterranean stream flows in the limestone range near Kaki Bukit for about a quarter of a mile long. As in other limestone areas, the stream has built a long cavern over the centuries. This physiographic phenomenon was enlarged throughout the length of the underground stream in 1935 by a resident Englishman who saw it as a marvellous way of transporting tin ore from a mine located near the stream entrance through the underground cavern.

A wooden walkway hangs suspended throughout the length of the underground cavern providing a wondrous means of communication from Kaki Bukit to a valley on the opposite end-the Wan Tangga Valley

Wondrous yes, but more than that, it is a novel way indeed for pedestrians and motor-cyclists to get from one point to another underground, with a subterranean stream flowing below throughout the length of the cavern. Electricity has been installed to brighten up the walkway. The suspended walkway and electrical supply are well maintained.

Not far from the town of Kaki Bukit is an experimental Nature Forest Reserve.



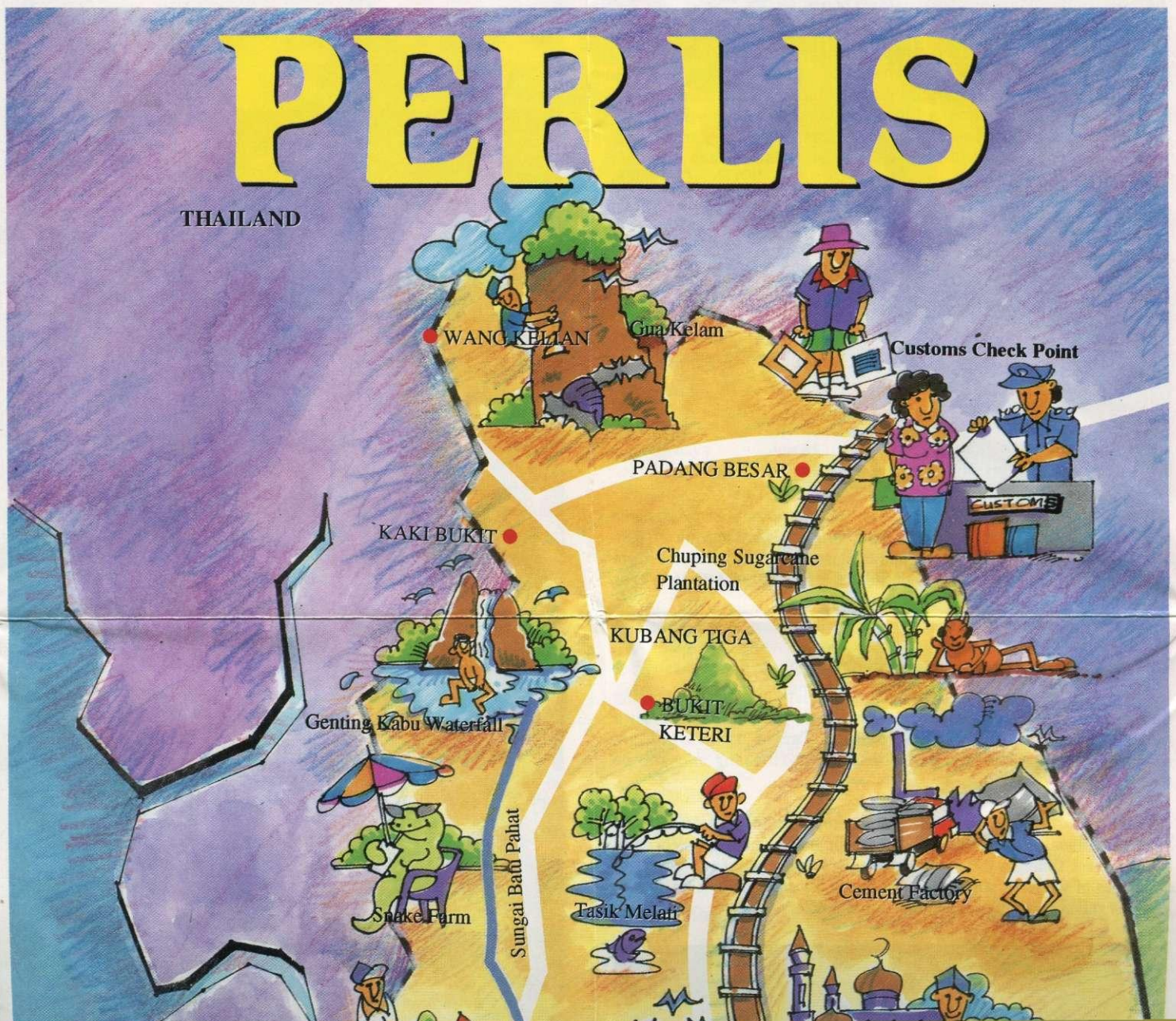
KUALA PERLIS

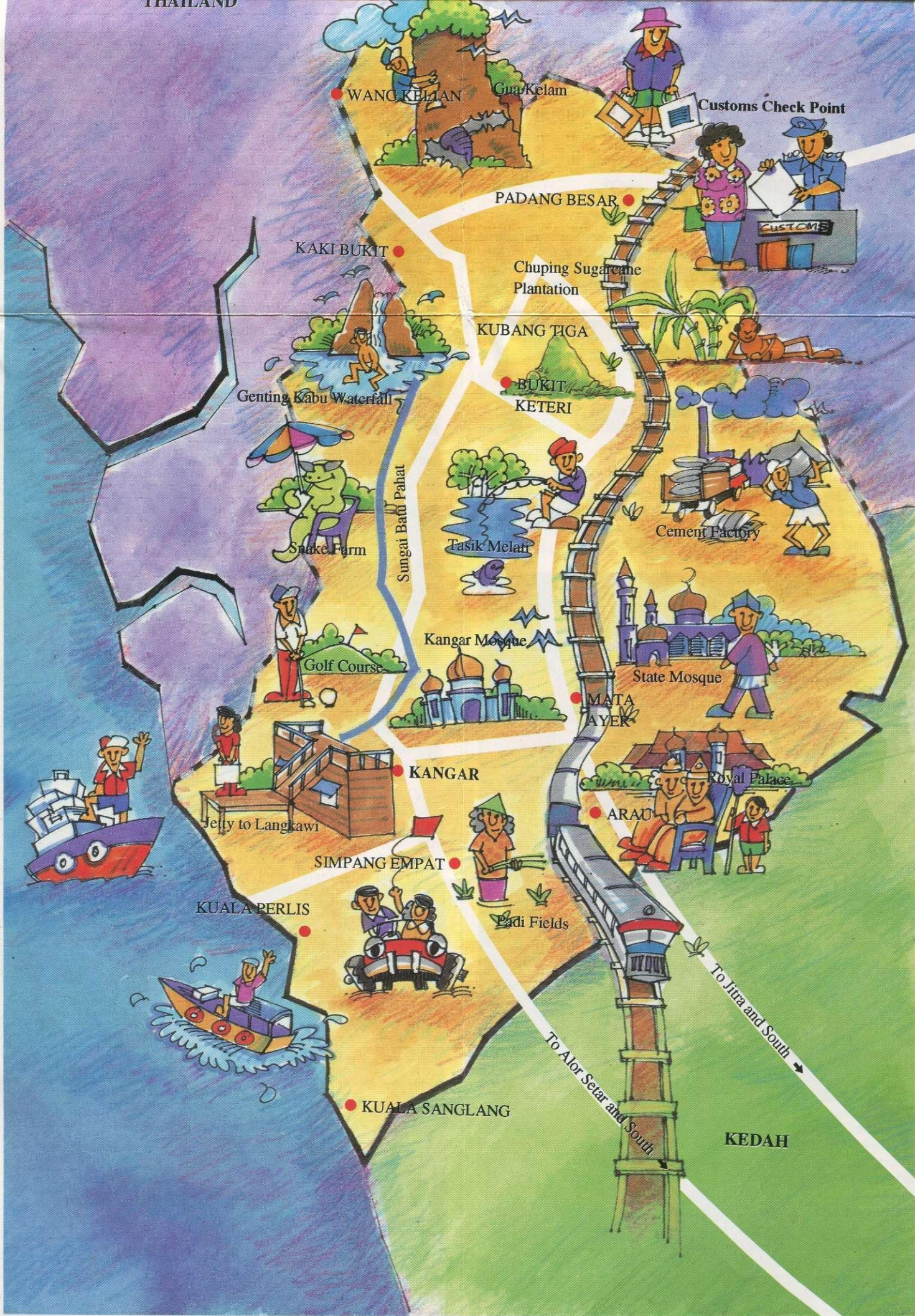
Located at the estuarine delta of the Sungai Perlis, Kuala Perlis is a port. About 10,000 people reside in this somewhat muddled but quaintly attractive town where fishing is an industry and everything else related to the industry is a major item in the shops and warehouses. Kuala Perlis

is noted for its local fast food, Laksa, i.e., rice noodles dipped in spiced fish-soup with sliced onions and cucumber. In fact, Kuala Perlis is the second biggest town in the State. It is also the entry and exit point to Phuket Island and other coastal towns and villages of Southern Thailand as well as to Pulau Langkawi.

PERLIS

THAILAND





WANG KELIAN

PADANG BESAR

KAKI BUKIT

KUBANG TIGA

BUKIT KETERI

Genting Kabu Waterfall

Snake Farm

Tasik Melati

Kangar Mosque

Golf Course

State Mosque

MATA AYER

Royal Palace

KANGAR

ARAU

KUALA PERLIS

SIMPANG EMPAT

Padi Fields

KUALA SANGLANG

KEDAH

To Jitra and South

To Alor Setar and South

Customs Check Point

Chuping Sugarcane Plantation

Cement Factory



Bukit Kubu is a natural limestone cave in a forested limestone hill, Wang Pinang, located near Kuala Perlis. The cave is an interesting geological formation. Bukit Kubu is now a 'cave park', sheltered and ideal for picnickers. The scenic green outside is very soothing. Plans are underway to link the site to other hiking trails and to erect information boards.

A naturally wooded area backing the Gua Pinang limestone hills near Kuala Perlis has been partially claimed for a mini zoo, replacing the one at Batu Pahat.

In the same vicinity are located the **burial grounds** of two of the 16th Century Sultans of Kedah. These are now seen as simple mausoleums marked by grave stones with remnants of wood used to mark the site.

Nearby, too, is an area of land believed to be the site of one of the Sultan's palaces surrounded on each side by limestone hills. This is reminiscent of the palace built by Almarhum Sultan Dhiauddin Almkaram Shah of the late 16th century who had given the name of Indra Kayangan to Perlis then. Two of the Sultan's personal efforts are still evident today. One is a partially-enclosed spring which supplied fresh mineral water to the palace and is still seen intact today. The other is the canal built by the Sultan in about 1680 connecting Alor Setar to his palace in Kuala Perlis and from the palace to the burial grounds, thus permitting boat passages between the points..

This is yet another limestone outcrop, 300 feet high, situated about 6 kilometres south of Kangar.

CHUPING

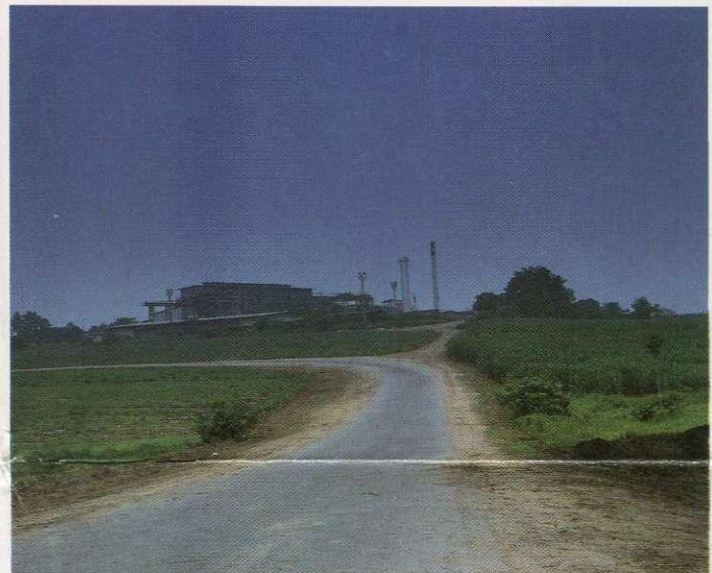
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Destination	Location	Distance (From Kangar Town Centre)
Royal Palace	Arau	12 km
Royal Mosque	Arau	12 km
Sungai Batu Pahat	Kangar	10 km
Snake Farm	Sg. Batu Pahat	12 km
Tasik Melati	Kangar	8 km
Gua Kelam	Padang Besar	30 km
Bukit Kubu	Kuala Perlis	12 km
Gunung Medan	Kangar	4 km
Padang Besar	Boundary of Perlis and Thailand	36 km



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There is the rather elongated Railway Station. One part of the Station has Thai officers manning the Immigration and Customs counters, the other by their Malaysian counterparts. Beyond the rail tracks is Pekan Siam - a bargain hunters' paradise. The town is flooded with all shades and designs of textiles, footwear, handicrafts, decorative items, foodstuff, souvenirs, fruits, and much more.

Padang Besar has a duty-free shop which offers a variety of imported goods.

GUNUNG MEDAN

Gunung Medan is now a picnic spot. A road climbs up to the peak. A fairly extensive network of concrete stairways and walkways have also been constructed. The hill top offers a panoramic view of the surrounding lowlands with the expanse of padi fields, the green hilly country towards the north into Thailand, the sugarcane hilly country towards the north into Thailand, the sugarcane plantations to the east, while to its west and south is seen the cluster of islets offshore to the larger Pulau Langkawi and the vast seas beyond.





Introduction

Perlis may be the smallest state in Malaysia, but it boasts a wealth of natural, cultural and historical splendours that rival the bigger states. You may be mesmerised by the many quaint villages, picturesque scenery and centuries-old traditions wherever you go. In short, Perlis is the perfect destination to head for if you prefer old world charm instead of the hustle and bustle of the city, where life is unhurried and the environment naturally fresh and crisp.

You'll also find the people here to be genuinely warm and hospitable. They will not hesitate to help you find your way around or invite you into their homes for a drink.

Perlis lies at the northwestern tip of the Malay Peninsula; bounded by Thailand in the north, and by Kedah to the east and south. Its western coastline borders the Straits of Malacca. It measures approximately 759 sq km and has a population of 180,610. The state capital is Kangar while Arau, 10km away, is the Royal town.

Although small in size, Perlis is not without its attractions, foremost among which is its serene beauty. Perlis, too, abounds with rustic rural scenes and rolling green fields of padi.

January to April is generally warm and dry. September to December is wet. The average annual rainfall is between 2,000 ml and 2,500 ml (80" to 100") and humidity is high throughout the year. Temperature varies little the year round, ranging from 21° to 32°C.

Economy

Traditionally the economy of Perlis has been dominated by agriculture, fishing and forestry pursuits. The state also shares with Kedah the distinction of being the 'rice bowl' of the country. Rubber and sugar cane are also extensively cultivated while fruit cultivation includes mango and water melon.

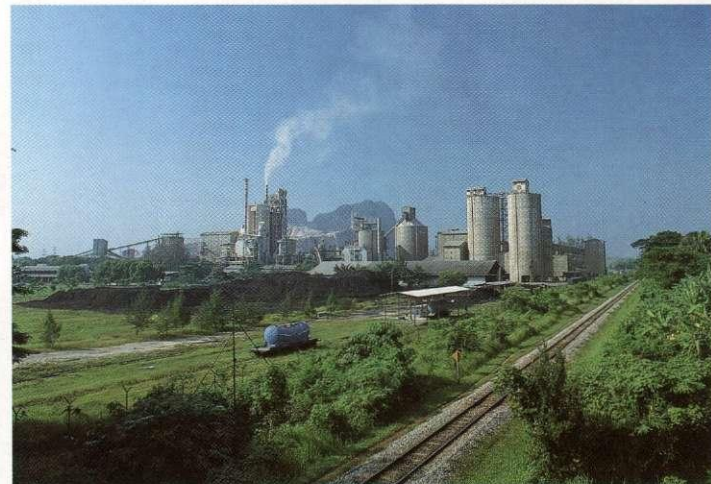
More recently however, the state embarked on the development of medium-scale industrial and manufacturing activities. It now boasts of a sugar refinery at Chuping and a cement factory at Bukit Keteri.

History

Perlis was once a part of Kedah which the Thais conquered in 1821. When Kedah was subsequently restored to the Sultan of Kedah, Perlis was separated from it and established as a vassal state in its own right. The Anglo-Siamese Treaty of 1909 transferred Thai sovereignty



over Perlis to the British but the Japanese 'handed it back' to Thailand during its occupation of the Malay Peninsula. After the Japanese surrendered, Perlis once again came under British protection until it gained independence under the banner of the Federation of Malaya in 1957.



People

The people of Perlis comprise a multi-racial mix of Malays, Chinese, Indians and Thais. This accounts for the rich variety of religion, culture, custom, food and traditional costumes.

